

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: G.S. Henderson et al. Attorney Docket No.: MSFT122459
Application No.: 10/799,336 Art Unit: 2167 / Confirmation No: 6236
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Title: CONTROLLING INSTALLATION UPDATE BEHAVIORS ON A CLIENT
COMPUTER

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

January 18, 2008

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on January 8, 2008, indicated with reference to an amendment filed on October 11, 2007, that:

The proposed deletions of five or fewer characters using strikethrough are not readily readable (i.e. the proposed deletion of claims 7, 9, 10. Double brackets (i.e., "[[]]") should be used instead of strikethrough to show these.

Applicants have reviewed the amendments and submit that the assertion that the amendments failed to comply was in error. In each of Claims 7, 9, and 10, there are two single word deletions: "method" and "is." According to M.P.E.P., only single words having five characters or less must be enclosed in double brackets to indicate deletion. (M.P.E.P. § 714-II-C(B), Ed. 8, Rev. 6, September 2007.) In each of the identified claims, the word "method" was deleted by way of strikethrough, and the word "is" was deleted using double brackets.

Applicants have spoken with the Examiner regarding this matter and believe that the Examiner is in agreement that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was in error.

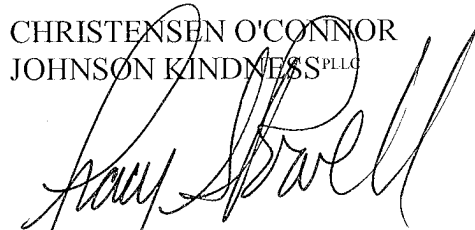
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Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the currently amended claims be accepted and considered for examination.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' representative at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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